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I am writing to urge you to support the proposed Microsoft settlement and end this controversy's tenure in the federal arena. The United States Government has in past administrations provided its citizens with ample evidence of what results when overzealous and uninformed public representatives take regulation of successful private industry to extremes in the mistaken belief that action against private industry will always end in providing a public benefit. Past government actions against AT&T have broken a national treasure Bell Telephone Laboratories and increased prices while decreasing efficiency and customer service in the process. . Microsoft must still contend with several states lawsuits but I believe it's time and best for all parties to get beyond this ridiculous activity and allow everyone to return to the business at hand. The settlement will compel Microsoft to open its systems to competitors software and use. A committee has been provided in the settlement to monitor Microsoft's future business practices to assure compliance with the settlement's terms. I believe that for the sake of our national economy and the continued success of this vital industry this matter should be settled. As a citizen I feel my technological future will be enhanced by innovations which work and that is what Microsoft is all about.